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Executive Director.

Ed Gabriel

Harry Early, Governor

Old Laguna, New Mexico

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Dear Governor Early:

Per your request we reviewed the Reclamation Plan, Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine, September 1980. Attached please find a list of detailed comments compiled by the CERT staff.

The subject plan is repleted generalities and assumptions not supported by adequate data and analysis. Some of the more salient portions of the plan contained no specific sequenced activities and received cursory treatment. is disappointing since your letter of June 9, specifically stipulated requirements be addressed.

In view of the inadequacies of this plan and a prior one (Dames and Moore, 1979), Anaconda's sincere commitment to reclamation has to be questioned.

We consider this plan incomplete and inadequate. may serve as constructive input to revise the plan. direction of future initiatives should be designed to provide Laguna with assurances that a viable reclamation is possible.

I hope our October 16, 1980, meeting will provide discussion of alternatives or elements essential to completing a technically justifiable reclamation program.

Sincerely,

John Blueyes

Environmental Engineer

Office of Environmental Analysis

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Attachment

Ed Gabriel cc: Ted Smith

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